MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Car Dealership Inventory Number PG: 748 - 45
Address: 2501 Crain Highway, NE, Prince George's County - in the viunty of Bowle
Owner: Hill, Thomas R. & Barbara M.
Tax Parcel Number: 116 Tax Map Number: 63
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _X
CriteriaABCD Considerations:ABCDEFG <u>X</u> None
Is property located within a historic district? X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
This vernacular, one-story rectangular building has a hipped roof with what appears to be asphalt shingles. The building is sided in vertical planks and the main entrance is recessed in one of the corners of the building. Its location at the corner of Crain Highway (US 301) enables the dealership to have a prominent sight along the heavily traveled Crain Highway.
The States Road Commission began construction of the Robert Crain Highway (later US 301) in 1922. Crain Highway was designed to link southern Maryland's rural areas to northern Maryland's urban areas. With the introduction of a better road system, limited development was allowed to flourish along the corridors and within the rural areas of southern Maryland. When the Nice Memorial Bridge was completed in 1940 and linked the Virginia side of the Potomac to the Maryland side in Charles County, Crain Highway served as a bypass between Florida and New York. Crain Highway was widened in 1950 to handle the increase in traffic. The Capital Beltway encircling the District of Columbia was completed through Prince George's County in 1964.
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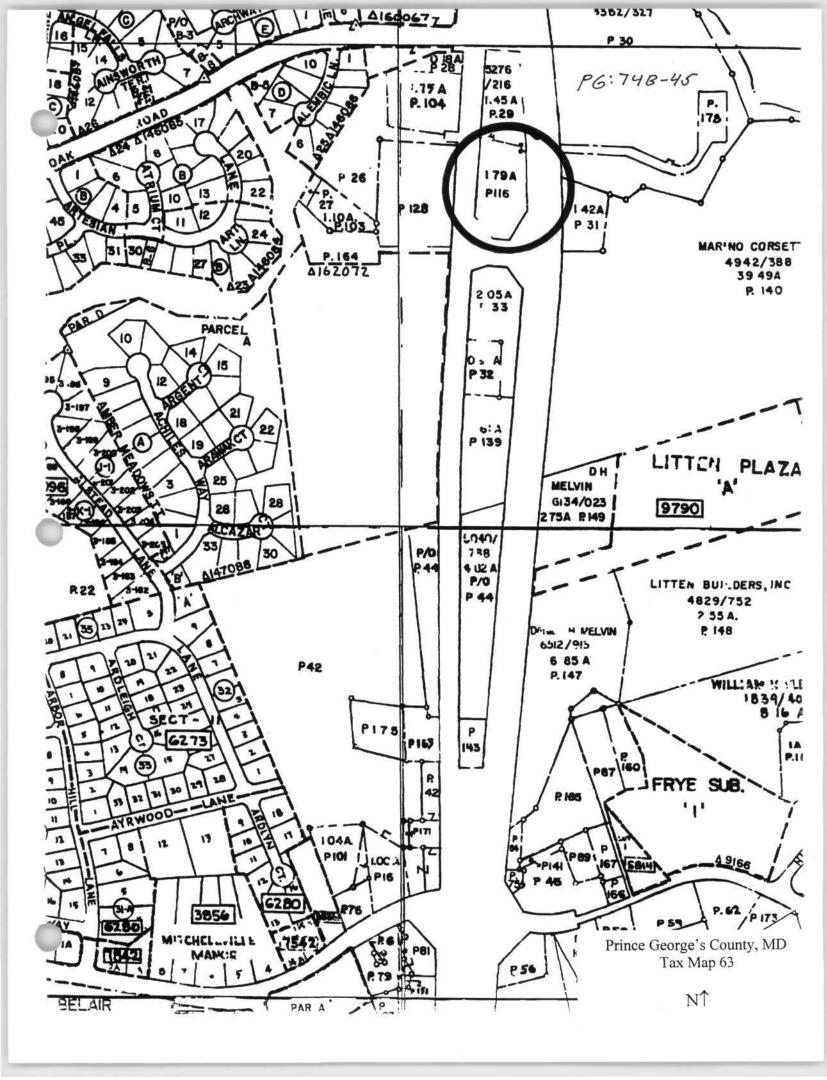
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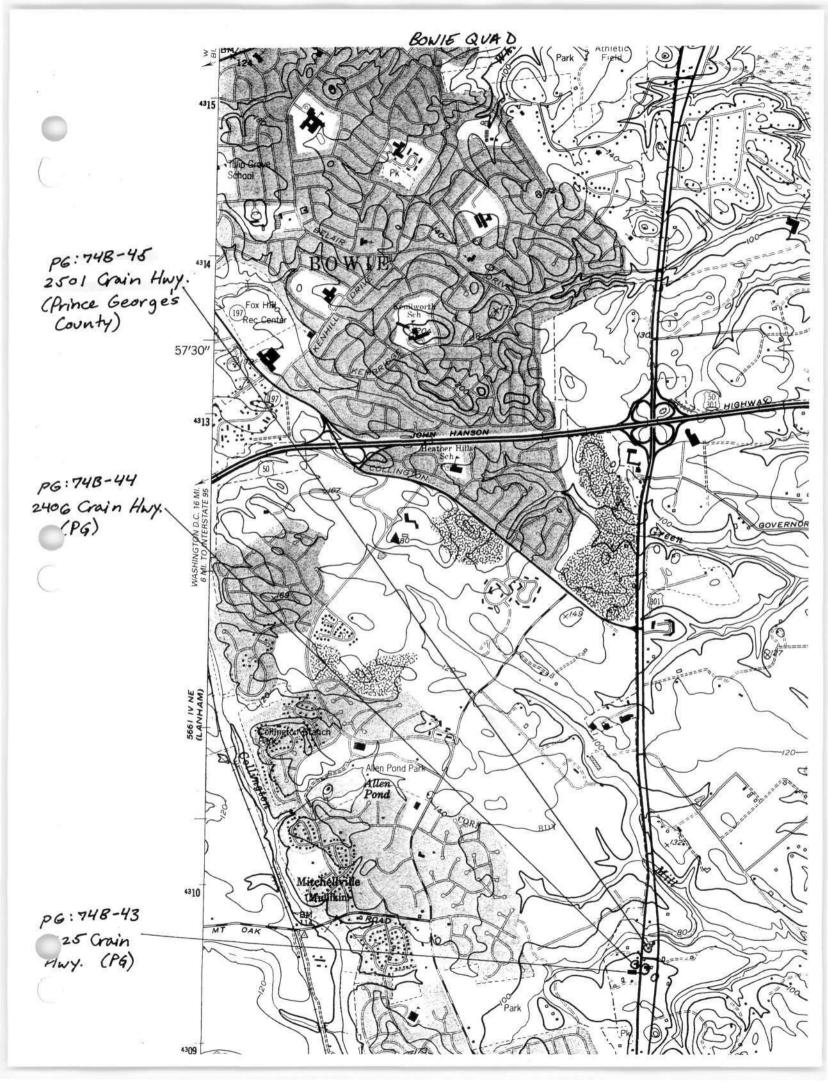
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The c. 1970 building is not eligible for the National Register. The structure is a typical example of a commercial building, but it lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.







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